



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

HB1243

Introduced 02/08/11, by Rep. Elizabeth Hernandez

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/27-22.3 from Ch. 122, par. 27-22.3
105 ILCS 5/27-22.4 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that, in J. Sterling Morton High School District 201, as a prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma, each pupil entering the 9th grade in the 2011-2012 school year or 2012-2013 school year must complete at least 40 hours of community service. Provides that this requirement does not apply to children with disabilities or pupils involved in extra-curricular activities, the number of activities to be determined by the school board. Provides that the community service shall require no staff monitoring. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
MAY APPLY

STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section
5 27-22.3 and adding Section 27-22.4 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/27-22.3) (from Ch. 122, par. 27-22.3)

7 Sec. 27-22.3. Volunteer service credit program.

8 (a) A school district may establish a volunteer service
9 credit program that enables secondary school students to earn
10 credit towards graduation through performance of community
11 service. This community service may include participation in
12 the organization of a high school or community blood drive or
13 other blood donor recruitment campaign. Any program so
14 established shall begin with students entering grade 9 in the
15 1993-1994 school year or later. The amount of credit given for
16 program participation shall not exceed that given for
17 completion of one semester of language arts, math, science or
18 social studies.

19 (b) Any community service performed as part of a course for
20 which credit is given towards graduation or community service
21 performed under Section 27-22.4 of this Code shall not qualify
22 under a volunteer service credit program. Any service for which
23 a student is paid shall not qualify under a volunteer service

1 credit program. Any community work assigned as a disciplinary
2 measure shall not qualify under a volunteer service credit
3 program.

4 (c) School districts that establish volunteer service
5 credit programs shall establish any necessary rules,
6 regulations and procedures.

7 (Source: P.A. 93-547, eff. 8-19-03.)

8 (105 ILCS 5/27-22.4 new)

9 Sec. 27-22.4. Community service requirement; pilot
10 program. In J. Sterling Morton High School District 201, as a
11 prerequisite to receiving a high school diploma, each pupil
12 entering the 9th grade in the 2011-2012 school year or
13 2012-2013 school year must complete at least 40 hours of
14 community service. This requirement does not apply to children
15 with disabilities, as defined under Article 14 of this Code, or
16 pupils involved in extra-curricular activities, the number of
17 activities to be determined by the school board. The school
18 board shall establish any rules and procedures necessary to
19 implement this requirement. Community service under this
20 Section shall require no staff monitoring.

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
22 becoming law.